

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **11 August 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-37. Claims 5, 6, 11, 17, 18, 23, 29, 30, 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 10-11, 13-15, 22-23, 25-27, 34-35, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Robertson et al (WO 00/60442, hereinafter "Robertson"). Claims 7, 19, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robertson in view of Horvitz (USPN 6,016,145, hereinafter "Horvitz"). Claims 8-9, 20-21, and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robertson, in view of Zhu et al (USPub 2003/0220973, hereinafter "Zhu"). Claims 12, 24, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robertson, in view of Robbins (USPN 6,326,978, hereinafter "Robbins"). Claims 4-6, 16-18, and 28-30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 5, 6, 11, 17, 18, 23, 29, 30, 35 were rejected as being indefinite.

Applicant has amended claims 5, 6, 11, 17, 18, 23, 29, 30, 35 to state the limitations in a positive manner. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Independent claims 1, 13, 25, and 37 were rejected as being anticipated by Robertson.

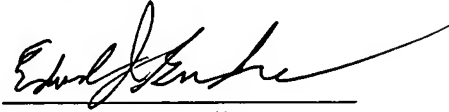
Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, 25, and 37 to include allowable limitations from dependent claims 4, 16, and 28. Dependent claims 4, 16, and 28 have been canceled without prejudice. Dependent claims 5-6, 17-18, and 29-30 have been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 13, 25, and 37 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-3 and 5-12, which depend upon claim 1, claims 14-15 and 17-24, which depend upon claim 13, and claims 26-27 and 29-36, which depend upon claim 25, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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